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Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) An elastic bandage for holding an orthopedic or orthotic element adjacent an injured or injury-prone foot, comprising:

A) an elastic sleeve or tube sized and shaped to fit over a foot, the elastic sleeve or tube including a sole region positioned adjacent the sole of the foot when the bandage is fitted thereon; and

B) a holder in the form of a hook and loop fastener area provided on the inside of the sleeve or tube and extending over the entire sole region;

whereby an orthopedic or orthotic element provided with a complementary hook and loop fastening area can be detachably fastened to the holder at any desired position on the sole region.